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**NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND
PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
IN THE VILLAGES FIRE DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the County Commission of Sumter County (the "County") will conduct a public hearing to regarding the imposition of annual fire rescue special assessments for the provision of fire rescue services within the unincorporated areas of northeastern Sumter County (within all established Villages Development of Regional Impact areas) that constitute the boundaries of The Villages Fire District. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the County Commission will consider adopting the annual assessment resolution for The Villages Fire District which: (1) Confirms or amends the Assessment Roll for Village District, (2) imposes the Fire Rescue Special assessment against improved property therein, and (3) orders certification of the assessment roll to the Sumter County Tax Collector for collection of the special assessments on the tax bill in November 2011.

The hearing will be held at 5:00 PM, on August 23, 2011, at the Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center 510 Colony Blvd., Parlor Room, The Villages, FL 32162, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Commission within twenty (20) days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk's Office at (352) 793-0217, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The annual special assessment will be imposed upon each tax parcel of improved property and is estimated to be between \$81.00 and a maximum of \$125.00 annually in order to share certain fixed costs required to be expended for readiness to serve, regardless of the occasion of fire rescue incidents or calls.

Copies of the County's Procedural Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 07-020), the preliminary rate resolution and the preliminary assessment roll are available for inspection at the office of the County Administrator in the Villages Sumter County Service Center at 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785.

The assessments will be collected by the Sumter County Tax Collector on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2011, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Services Department at (352) 689-4435, Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

[INSERT MAP OF THE VILLAGES FIRE DISTRICT]

**COUNTY COMMISSION
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA**